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## 'We are just voting fodder!'

### MAYOR CONDEMNS 'CABINET SYSTEM' AT DISTRICT LEVEL

DORCHESTER mayor Andy Canning has condemned the decision making process at district council level, referring to all non-cabinet members as "voting fodder" who have no influence at all.

Councillor Canning, a Liberal Democrat council-

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lor representing Dorchester on West Dorset District Council, made his comments at a Lib Dem democracy meeting at Lyme Regis on Saturday.

Councillor Canning, who also sits on Dorchester Town Council, outlined

how the district council was run by seven members of the Conservative controlled authority, led by council leader Robert Gould, and how many decisions went through on a show of hands with little or no discussion. He ex-

plained that the cabinet system was adopted after legislation brought in by the former Labour Government so that there would be more transparency and accountability at a local level.

#### Killed democracy

But he went on to explain that this process had in effect "killed local democracy" with opposi-

tion members not being able to deal effectively with constituents' complaints.

Councillor Canning said this system surprised and angered West Dorset residents who attended council meeting to listen to controversial issues when important decisions were made without any debate.

He also maintained that the system caused "a surprising amount of antagonism" among members.

Councillor Canning said: "There is a surprising degree of animosity among members. The political landscape in West Dorset is quite antagonistic and there have been some fairly big battles in recent times.



■ **MAYOR Andy Canning:** "Non-cabinet members have no influence over the decision making process"

"There is an all-party executive of seven, a group of people who make the decisions but do not bow to pressure and that's what

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**LIFE COACH** Nicole Willett grew up in Bedfordshire and lived in various parts of the country before moving to Dorset.  
She has lived in Eype near Bridport with her partner for the last four and a half years and enjoys working with stained glass and learning the saxophone.  
Now aged 55, Nicole began life coaching two years ago.

## ■ WHAT is life coaching?

Sometimes change is forced on us for example by a sudden loss of employment or a relationship breakdown; at other times we initiate change ourselves. Life coaching is a process that can help us understand change, make positive changes, achieve our goals and get the most from our lives now and in the future.

## ■ DOES a life coach need qualifications?

Whilst there is no current official requirement to be qualified, I decided to study for a diploma in life coaching (Dip.LC) before setting up my own business. Prior to that I worked as a probation officer in various parts of the country and for the NSPCC in Dorset. This gave me a great deal of experience of working with different people on a wide range of issues.

## ■ IS life coaching psychotherapy?

No, although both work with people and attempt to help them move on, they are different. Psychotherapists often work with people where there have been past or present events or issues that have significantly affected them; they work in depth usually for an extended period of time. Life coaches tend to work with people for much shorter periods of time and whilst significant past events can be discussed to assist finding solutions for the present, they are not dealt with in the same depth. Some people will only need a couple of sessions of life coaching, others will need longer depending on the issues or what they want to achieve.

## ■ WHY do people need a life coach?

There are many issues that people want to discuss. They include changing job or job insecurity, financial difficulties, moving home, relationships, the stresses of bringing up children or looking after elderly relatives. Sometimes people have specific goals they want to fulfil; others may know they want to make changes but not be sure exactly what they want to do or how to go about it.

## ■ WHAT do people get out of sessions with a life coach?

My approach is to help people identify their goals and the possible obstacles to achieving them. I then help them think about how to overcome these obstacles and make plans for the present and future. I use a positive and motivational style, tailoring sessions to individual needs. Appointments for individuals take place either at my home or at premises in or near Bridport. I always offer



a free first appointment to help people decide if life coaching is for them and if they want to work with me.

## ■ ARE sessions always one-to-one?

No, I also offer workshops in the Bridport area (see dates at end of interview).

## ■ ARE there age restrictions?

There is no upper age limit but the minimum age of my clients is 18. My view is that for children and young people

there are a range of specialised services that would better suit their needs.

## ■ HOW did you get into life coaching?

Several years ago I read some interesting articles about life coaching and subsequently had a number of sessions with a life coach to find out more and to discuss a possible change of career. I found it very helpful to take time out from my daily life to work on issues with someone who was objective and supportive.

## ■ WHO has most inspired you in life?

Lots of people have inspired me in different ways during my life including family members, friends and colleagues. Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader who was placed under house arrest for two decades, is someone I have found inspiring because of her determination and courage to bring about change and to fight injustice, never losing hope in the face of personal danger.

## ■ WHAT do you think of self help books?

Self help books can be very useful in encouraging us to make changes e.g. to ourselves, our health, our relationships and our environment. I have found a number of self help books thought provoking over the years. However, I think we also gain another perspective from talking to and listening to others, whether this is someone we know or a professional. I think there is a place for both.

## ■ WHAT would your motto be?

Make the most of every day and don't be afraid to try new things!

## ■ FAVOURITE place on earth?

Lots! Often it's being in the camper van on a quiet campsite where there's a sea view, lovely walks and cosy pub nearby.

## ■ WHO would you most like to see again?

I was close to all my grandparents but if I have to choose one then it would be my maternal grandmother. She was always kind and loving, ready to listen and encouraging.

Nicole's next group life coaching sessions are:

'Creating a Vision Board' on Tuesday, 19th March 10am-11.30am, and again on Wednesday, 24th April, 7pm-8.30pm (£6 charge). A vision board is a fun, practical way to identify future hopes and plans, using images and words.

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# Protesters march against cuts in council and NHS services

PROTESTERS braved the rain to march in opposition to local council and NHS cuts in Dorchester at the weekend.

Speaker after speaker decried the reduction in services and loss of jobs which, they claimed, will have the worst effect on the poorest.

Dorchester Independent councillor Alistair Chisholm won cheers and applause when he blasted Tory-controlled West Dorset District Council for their spending on new offices – while at the same time cutting services.

He said public services were “the cornerstone of any decent society” and a mark of a civilised society.

“They matter to all. But they matter most to those in

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our communities whose needs are the greatest – the elderly, the infirm, those disadvantaged through their mental or physical condition, and many others.

## Outrageous and gross

“Cuts to public services mean, than in very real and often distressing ways, the most needy in our society are being asked to pay the price for the outrageous and gross excesses of our banks and our investment institutions.”

He said that money which West Dorset has spent on its new offices should have been spent on affordable housing

and the protection of public services for the most vulnerable.

The Trades Council-organised march started at The Great Field, Poundbury and walked past the new council offices for a rally at the bottom end of South Street.

Many banners referred to ‘a Valentine’s Day massacre’ – the meeting today, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, where county councillors are expected to agree a further £11 million of cuts to the budget for the coming year – with the proposal of an extra £13.5m in the

2014/15 financial year and another £13.2m in 15/16. March organiser and Secretary of the Trades Council, Tim Nicholls said: “This level of cuts is not sustainable anywhere and least of all in a county such as Dorset. We have an elderly population who rely on public services to help them live”.

A message was read out at the rally from The Right Reverend Dr Graham Kings, Bishop of Sherborne.

“I am seriously concerned about the government cuts and am glad to hear about the demonstration... please pass on my greetings and my concern for the people affected in our communities.”



■ DORCHESTER Independent councillor Alistair Chisholm won applause for his speech against the cuts



■ MARCH organiser and Secretary of the Trades Council, Tim Nicholls



■ LISA Youlton, regional manager of UNISON South West



■ BRAVING the rain to make a point – protesters against further council and NHS cuts

## Cabinet system ‘killing local democracy’

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government wants. Often this proves to be the death of democracy as it’s impossible for the public to have any influence over what decisions are taken. If they (the cabinet) make the right decisions, no problem. But if they make decisions which are not popular, there is no method of challenging these decisions. The only method of doing so is to replace them at the next election. So many people do not vote on what’s going on locally, they vote on the

basis of the national view at Westminster.

“As opposition councillors we have nothing to do apart from oppose things. It seems that members of the majority party who are not on the executive do not have any influence either. It’s quite spooky when all hands go up but they haven’t said anything. We are just voting fodder with no influence on decisions.”

Councillor Canning was one of a number of speakers lined up by the Lyme Regis and Marshwood Liberal Democrats with a brief to talk on the work of the district council.

He also spoke about the council’s financial situation, referring to West Dorset being one of the richest local authorities in the country with £54 million in the bank.

### Sharing staff costs with Weymouth

He said the district had been able to maintain frontline services despite a cut in government funding because of savings achieved by sharing staff costs with Weymouth and Portland Borough Council which amounted to £1.5 million.

Councillor Canning also expressed concern about the number of new houses, an increase of 20 per cent, being earmarked for West Dorset, saying: “Lyme is not getting many but quite a few others are getting considerable developments and causing great anxiety.”

He was concerned that there was a “presumption in favour of development” which he thought was “strange in a rural area” and expressed fears that new developments were being “steamrollered through with no concern for the environment”.

Further comment on the cabinet system came this weekend from another Dorchester councillor, the independent Alistair Chisholm speaking at the protest rally into coun-

cil and NHS cuts when he criticised WDDC for spending almost £10 million on new offices rather than affordable housing and protecting services.

Councillor Chisholm said: “It (the new offices) stands here today as testimony to the dangers inherent in the cabinet system of governance – a one-party, one view system currently practised by both the district and county councils, a system that by its very nature stifles debate and discussion and undermined the very foundation of democracy.”

“Until we introduce, or re-introduce a system which allows for free expression of different views and encourages open debate on those different views, local decision making will be the poorer as will the communities that the council claims to serve.”

Other speakers at the Lyme Regis meeting on Saturday included Dorset’s new Police and Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill, who was accompanied by the county’s recently appointed Chief Constable, Debbie Simpson.

Mr Underhill told a packed gathering of all political persuasions that the additional funding he had secured by increasing the police precept by £3.51 would provide 12 additional policeman and the recruitment of 250 additional Special Constables across the county, 100 of which would be utilised in rural areas and which would benefit West Dorset.

Also on the panel of speakers was Dilip Chakrabarti, representing Virgin Care, which has just taken over the running of the Lyme Regis Medical Centre, Lyme Regis GP Dr Forbes Watson, chairman of the NHS Dorset Clinical Community Group, and long-serving Dorchester county councillor Trevor Jones, who gave an overview of the work of the county council.



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## Backpacks of seashore fun

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DORSET Wildlife Trust is offering a range of new seaside family activities this year at the Purbeck marine reserve at Kimmeridge.

Youngsters will be able to enjoy Seashore Explorer backpacks with activity ideas, equipment and information created for families.

Among the suggested things to do are mini-beast hunting, seabird spotting, fossil rubbing and eco-crabbing.

Also on offer is a rockpool-friendly crab line, seashore ID guides and magnifying bug pots. Some of the items in the backpacks can be taken away at the end of the day while others are returned to be used again. A small hire charge covers the cost of replacing items.

Julie Hatcher, Marine Awareness Officer at Dorset Wildlife Trust, said:

"Even if the weather or tides are less than perfect on your visit to Kimmeridge Bay, there will be plenty to keep families busy for an afternoon with these brilliant Seashore Explorer backpacks. We are very grateful to Rockley Adventure for helping to get families involved with some of the amazing wildlife on our beaches."

Dorset-based Rockley Adventure are corporate members of Dorset Wildlife Trust, offering outdoor experiences to schools and groups and supporting initiatives which inform and educate about the natural world. Lis Gordon, director of Rockley Ad-

venture, said: "We are delighted to be supporting DWT with their Seashore Explorer packs. This is a great idea which will inform, educate and entertain families about our wonderful wildlife on the Dorset coast. As outdoor activity providers ourselves, this was an idea we were particularly keen to see get off the ground and I'm sure the families who use the packs will have a lot of fun too!"

Visit Dorset Wildlife Trust's Fine Foundation Marine Centre by the slipway in Kimmeridge Bay to hire your Seashore Explorer back-pack, which costs £5 to hire, including a crab kit and fossil rubbing kit to keep.

The Marine Centre will be open during half term from 12 to 4pm, except for Monday. For more information visit [dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk)



■ JULIE Hatcher from Dorset Wildlife Trust with Lis Gordon from Rockley Adventure launching the new Seashore Explorer packs at Kimmeridge

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# Plans go in for large scale windfarm

## and work begins on a solar farm before permission has been granted

A PLANNING application for what could become the first large-scale windfarm in Dorset has been submitted.

Ten industrial turbines each almost 400 feet tall are being planned for a site off the Dorchester to Blandford road, north of Puddletown and Tolpudde.

West Coast Energy claim that when the wind blows the site could produce enough power for 14,000 homes – although their claim has been questioned by some opponents.

A local protest group, TAIN, has already been set up to oppose the scheme claiming it will ruin open countryside and views from local homes.

The Mold-based company say each turbine would be 126.5metres to the vertical blade tip, with a height to the hub of 80m and each the rotor blade 46m in length.

Each machine would be capable of generating 2 to 2.5 Megawatts at maximum output.

The site will also have a

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wind monitoring mast and an electricity substation.

Construction is expected to take eight months, with around 90 'exceptional' loads for larger parts being delivered to the site. It proposes to bring most of the machinery into the country via Southampton docks and then brought to the site by road.

The timescale for consideration of the application is not known at the moment – but one planning expert has said he

would be surprised if it could be brought before a committee for a final decision before the autumn of this year.

Meanwhile another large renewable energy project – for a massive solar panel 'park' on the former BBC transmitter site at Rampisham has come under fire this week for work already underway, despite the fact that the planning application has not yet been considered.

Residents say some of

the aerials have already been demolished and hundreds of posts erected ready to take solar panels.

Dorset Wildlife Trust says it is concerned about the effect the work might have on the ecology of the area, including to acid grasses which have been largely untouched since the 1940s. The site is within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty where strict controls are supposed to be applied against development.

West Dorset District Council's planning department, Natural England and the Dorset AONB team have all been asked to take action.



■ WORK underway on the Rampisham solar panel 'park'



■ Max Gate

## Plans for Hardy's home meet with approval

DORCHESTER town councillors have welcomed plans to make internal alterations to Thomas Hardy's home at Max Gate.

The National Trust is proposing to improve staff accommodation which will, in turn, allow more of the house to be open to the public. Other changes

being sought include improvement to the drainage system.

Also welcomed by town planners was the use of part of the Shell Garage in London Road for a new Topps Tiles store and minor alterations to a previously approved application for the Phase 8 clothes shop on

the Brewery Square development.

The committee also welcomed changes to an earlier application for three homes with the conversion of an office to an apartment at 11a St George's Road.

Councillors heard that the

previous application had upset neighbours, but none had objected to the amended plans.

The committee also heard of plans to change the use of an existing shop in Trinity Street, between Shoe Trees and the Chinese take-away, to a tattoo parlour.

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The next sale will be held on March 16th. Donations of books and produce are welcome. Contact 01929 463221 for more information.

## Computer courses

**A SERIES** of new computer courses are about to start at Kingston Maurward College.

They include a BCS Digital Skills course which starts on Monday, February 25th

The college also has some vacancies on courses which start after the February half-term. These include basic computing, iPad, accounting and payroll, SAGE, computer aided design and Photoshop.

Full details of the courses are available on the website : [http://www.kmc.ac.uk/kc/course\\_search](http://www.kmc.ac.uk/kc/course_search)

## Dick Turpin

**BROADMAYNE** Players will be performing Dick Turpin in the Village Hall in the coming week.

The panto will be performed on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd with tickets available from the Village Stores at £5.

## Ambling along

**THE ALDHELM** Amblers will start their 2013 programme on February 21st with a stroll around Dorchester.

The group's December walk was held in the Weymouth area, but members did not meet in January.

## Dick Whittington

**FRAMPTON** Footlights will bring Dick Whittington to the stage at the village hall on February 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

Tickets for the performance can be bought in advance from both Frampton and Long Ash garages

# 'No excuse for abuse'

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DORSET'S newly appointed Chief Constable will be amongst those attending an event in Dorchester tomorrow aimed at putting an end to domestic abuse.

Debbie Simpson will be joined by Police Commissioner Martyn Underhill, Lord Lieutenant Mrs Valerie Pitt-Rivers and High Sheriff Jeremy Pope at the "No Excuse for Abuse" event.

It takes place from 8.30am until 2.30pm at the new district council headquarters in South Walks – and has been designed to allow people to come and go as they wish. There is no charge



**ATTENDING:** Newly appointed Chief Constable Debbie Simpson

for admission and people will not be asked to sign in if they do not want to.

Organised by the West Dorset and Weymouth Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum the day is aimed at anyone who would like to understand and learn more about abusive relationships.

It will include information on where to go for help; how to help staff, colleagues, client groups, or friends – male or female and any age.

As well as displays there will be several speakers making presentations during the day. These talks will be repeated twice so that as many people as possible have the opportunity to listen to the talks at a time that suits them.

Dorchester Councillor Mollie Rennie, chair of the forum and one of the organisers, said: "1 in 4 women and many men suffer abuse in their life time so all our presentations and stalls will help you find the help, information and support needed, whether in your working practices, supporting workers in your work place or just because you would like to learn more. This free event is for everyone. Awareness Raising is a large area of the Forum's work and we

hope you find this event useful for you".

Amongst the speakers will be Tracey West, author of the Poetry of Divorce, who said: "Domestic abuse and violence are such unspoken horrors and they go on in the most seemingly respectable of houses, often in clear sight.

"It takes a brave soul to admit that they are suffering and to state they've had enough.

"The difficulties come in locating the best service to support them, or in some cases, remove them from their situation.

"West Dorset is blessed with a wide range of support networks, but what they are and how to reach them, needs to have raised awareness. I am confident the 'No Excuse for Abuse' event will do just that."

Other speakers include Joanna Syrett from Safe Partnerships who will offer an introduction to Safe South West for victims of violence and crime and the Safe DATE (Domestic Abuse Training and Education) programme for young people; solicitors from local firms Batters and Pengillys; a spokesperson for the West Dorset Refuge and Kate Brown from the Crown Prosecution Service who will talk about the importance of reporting domestic abuse.



**AUTHOR Tracey West will be among the speakers at the free 'no excuse for abuse' event**



**DORCHESTER COUNCILLOR MOLLIE RENNIE: hoping for a good response to the 'no excuse for abuse' event taking place in Dorchester tomorrow**

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# Anger as workers use residential roads for free all day parking

THE COUNTY council is considering more parking restrictions for Dorchester's Victoria Park – to solve the problems caused by no parking areas previously introduced.

Since the start of short-stay and residents only parking in Alexandra Road, Coburg Road and Edward Road all-day parking has spread to Queens Road, Clarence Road, Treves Road and Maud Road – to the annoyance of those who live there.

There are also similar problems in and around Monmouth Road.

Many of those who park on the streets are town centre workers, including staff at the County Hospital, only five minutes walk away from many of the favoured free parking locations.

Several residents in Queens Road have written to complain about the dangers of getting out of their drives – with problems also caused for patients who can no longer find a space near the GP surgery in the road.

Problems are made worse

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at either end of the day as parents arrive to pick up and drop off their children at the Middle School and at Thomas Hardy's.

Now council officials are suggesting double yellow

lines around the Clarence Road and Treves Road junction and the possibility of either four or two-hour waiting in sections of Queens Road – although they admit

that by doing so the problem of all-day parking is likely to simply be pushed to another road.

Also being investigated is further restrictions at the eastern end of Maiden Castle Road where residents are also beginning to suffer from all-day parking.

"All this is being caused by people who will not pay parking charges in the town, or the park and ride, yet they are so close to either," said town councillor Mollie Rennie.

Fellow councillor Trevor Jones says the problem has been caused by restrictions in Coburg Road and nearby roads where people

used to park. He said that any suggestion of taking away those restrictions, to ease the situation in Queens Road would simply not work.

"You will soon see the bullets fly if you suggest that. You can stand in front, because it's not going to happen," he said.



## Dino fun at museum

DORSET County Museum will be running two different events for children during half term week. Both are free thanks to sponsorship from Battens Solicitors through its charitable trust.

On Tuesday, February 19th the brand new Dino Club has its first session. This club has been specially designed for children aged seven and under and each session will have a different dinosaur as its theme.

This week's dinosaur is the megalosaurus – a Jurassic dinosaur up to 9m long which walked on two legs, and had sharp teeth and claws. The activities will include making giant megalosaurus footprints.

Dino Club runs from 10.30am to 11.30am and only takes place in the school holidays.

On Wednesday 20th there is a family activity from 10.30am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome and the theme is 'Five things you didn't think you could do in a museum!' These include making new labels for exhibits, rearranging a display case and dressing up some of the statues. Both events are free, and there's no need to book – just turn up on the day.

## Chain saws stolen

A LAND Rover Discovery parked in Lorne Road was broken into and two chain saws stolen in the early hours of Friday, February 1st.

Dorchester police are appealing for any information about the incident. They can be reached on the non-emergency number 101 or the Safer Neighbourhood Team mobile: 07500 816290.

## All about seagulls

AN ILLUSTRATED talk on seagulls will be held at the Herrison Hall, Charlton Down next Tuesday, February 19th.

The talk, from Luke Phillips of the RSPB's Radipole Reserve, will be given at 7.30pm with a suggested £2 admission fee. It has been arranged by the Dorset Wildlife Trust Three Valleys Group.

## Roman coffin

A ROMAN sarcophagus goes under the hammer today, Thursday 14th, at Dorchester auctioneers, Dukes.

The object, which was being used as a garden ornament, is expected to fetch between £30,000 and £50,000.

A similar coffin was sold by the auctioneers for £100,000 last year after being discovered in a Dorset garden.

## Lent lunches

LENT lunches are being held every Wednesday until Easter at the United Church Hall in Dorchester. The simple lunches, which cost £5, will raise money for Christian Aid.

## Community orchestra

DORCHESTER'S new Community Orchestra, which met for the first time last week, attracting around fifty people, is meeting again in the coming days.

The next session is due to take place at the Arts Centre this Sunday, February 17th from 4-6pm.

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# WHAT'S IN A YEAR?

*A year ago this week the **View from Dorchester** carried the following reports... we thought it might be either amusing, interesting, or even annoying to let you judge how these issues have changed in the past 12 months – if at all!*

■ DORCHESTER has suffered its coldest February day for half a century.

Town weather recorder John Oliver noted a chilly minus 11C on Saturday morning, making it the third coldest night of any month in the last 50 years and the coldest February reading over the same period.

The icy conditions led to a spate of minor accidents and the widespread cancellation of weekend football.

■ THE DISTRICT council has been accused of letting down people with disabilities by failing to take action against a proliferation of advertising boards on pavements in Dorchester.

It has been claimed that at a peak around 100 boards can be found in the town centre – many of them trip hazards for people with poor sight, or mobility problems, and an unnecessary obstacle for those in wheelchairs and for parents with buggies.

Town councillors claim that West Dorset District Council promised to resolve the problem – but has done little, siding with those in business rather than people who need uncluttered access to the streets.

Disability campaigners believe there could be a case for legal action against some of the A-Board owners.

Keith Wilson, from the Town's Civic Society, said a request was made to the District Council for a meeting with traders to try and solve the problem in early December, but nothing had happened.

Dorchester councillor Trevor Jones says he is dismayed by the lack of action. He said that a meeting was held last year at which West Dorset District Council volunteered to lead an attack on the problem.

■ DORCHESTER'S BID team is running out of time to prove it has done something tangible with more than a third of a million pounds.

"After nearly four years, and the spending of some £350,000 of BID levy payers money, I still can't see those 'improvements' and I feel that many levy payers have every reason to feel that they have been sold short by the BID," said district councillor Alistair Chisholm.

He told town councillors that he was an enthusiastic backer of the Business Improvement District plans when they were first talked about in 2007 and spent many voluntary hours selling the idea to businesses and local people.

"I am not saying that all BID money has been wasted, and I'll happily admit that the BID has achieved a number of benefits for the town's businesses. But 'where are the flowers?', where are the visible, tangible, improvements that have enhanced the town centre for everyone?"

"I believe they are sadly lacking and that their continuing absence will make it very difficult to get a second yes vote in the spring of 2013."

■ CAR DRIVERS parking for long periods on grass verges in Damers Road, Dorchester could have action taken against them.

District and town councillor David Barrett is calling on the county council's parking team to take enforcement action if drivers are breaking the law.

The problem will also be discussed at the next town council planning committee.

■ TOWN councillor Tim Harries has called for the layout of Queen Mother Square at Poundbury to be sorted out.

He says drivers are confused and pedestrians are being put at risk by the confused layout which, he says, has

been a problem since the new Waitrose store opened.

"This is a dangerous square. There will be an accident with people zig-zagging about in the traffic."

Town council clerk, Dennis Holmes, had been instructed in early January to write to both the Duchy of Cornwall and Dorset County Council to try and solve the problem after the issue was raised at the town planning committee.

So far the town council has not had a response from either.

■ DORCHESTER'S Stop the Drop anti-litter group say they are delighted that Mayor Tess James has promised to join them on one of their litter picks.

The pledge came after group members managed to pick eight sacks of litter in under an hour in response to comments at the Town Council that Dorchester does not have a litter problem.

Evidence of the scale of the problem was presented to the council and highlighted in a View from Dorchester front page report two weeks ago.

Stop the Drop organiser Bob Kerr said he was "heartened" by the mayor's response coupled with a promise to look further at what else might be done to tackle litter in the county town.

"Our real objective is to stop littering in the first place, by announcing and then implementing an anti-litter campaign for Dorchester, which could involve community groups organising litter picks while the police with PCSOs, enforce the law with fixed penalty notices.

"Concurrent with such activity we seek support from heads of schools, and especially primary and middle schools, to include anti-litter programmes within their green flag programmes," said Mr Kerr.

■ PATIENTS are waiting up to 11 months for pain relief from the Dorset County Hospital.

At a public meeting in Dorchester relatives and those needing the treatment criticised the Dorset Primary Care Trust for their lack of urgency.

Dorchester Pain Clinic patients told the meeting of delays in getting pain relief injections

One speaker said although she was due for an injection every three months her last one had been in December 2010.

After the meeting, Michel Hooper-Immins told View from Dorchester: "There is no doubt that Dorset NHS is already letting down patients in pain. It has failed to match the resources- that is to say the number of consultants' appointments- to the number of patients needing their services. This is why there are hundreds of Dorset patients up to a year late with their injections. I do believe Dorset County Hospital has mismanaged the clinics, but there is no doubt the Dorset PCT has under-financed the pain clinic for at least two years."

■ A DORCHESTER building once described as more like Stalin's mausoleum is to be given a make-over.

The existing sports hall at the Thomas Hardy School, which was controversially clad with masonry, will later in the year be re-worked to look more like the rest of the school.

Together with the improvements to the sports hall the school is also asking to demolish the existing pool and associated buildings, including the removal of the learner pool which was added in the 1990s.

Part of the area where the pool once stood will be shaped into an earth bank and grassed.

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## Young performers get a chance to shine

DORCHESTER Youth Theatre members will be working with the National Theatre on their Connections programme, a nationwide celebration of plays for young people.

The Youth Theatre's Senior group will be performing 'Don't Feed the Animals' by Jemma Kennedy at The Thomas Hardy School at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st February.

The play is about the under-fire Sparks Circus which has been forced to sell its star elephant whilst its human performers are defecting to a rival show. With a busy bank holiday approaching the action focuses on how will the remaining

performers Zach and Missy fill the big top and stop the family business going bust. When a gang of bored youths turn up, suddenly the pair are faced with a chance of saving the show by involving what seems to be an untrainable mob in learning circus skills – and fast!

Jo Simons, Dorchester Youth Theatre director, said: "It's fantastic to get this recognition for DYT by taking part in such an exciting project. After performing at Thomas Hardy School Theatre, where a Connections director will come and watch, the play will be further developed and performed at The TR2 at The

Drum, at Theatre Royal in Plymouth in May."

From hundreds of youth theatre groups across the country about 200 have been chosen to take part.

Working with experts from The National throughout, the play will be performed first locally, then at a regional theatre and finally, one version of each of the ten plays will be selected to perform at the National Theatre in London in the summer.

To book tickets for the Dorchester Youth Theatre production contact Dorchester Arts Centre Box Office on 01305 269433. Ticket prices are £5 and £3 (under 18's). Tickets may also be available on the door.



## Half term kids' club at nature reserve

THERE is a chance for kids to see nature's powers of recovery after one of the wettest winters on record, with Dorset Wildlife Trust's first Kingcombe Kids Club event at Kingcombe Meadows nature reserve.

DWT's Kingcombe Centre, near Maiden Newton, is running Kingcombe Kids Club every Tuesday and Thursday during half-term breaks and school holidays, with events for children aged from 3-16 years to join in a morning activity of nature exploration.

The first takes place on Tuesday 19th entitled 'Waking up Nature' and the second, entitled 'Forest Friends', on Thursday 21st, both starting at 10am and finishing at noon.

Waking up Nature will reveal the first shoots of spring, including the sight of early flowers such as snowdrops, aconites and primroses. There will be the chance of seeing a host of small birds that are now beginning to think of pairing, as well as larger ones such as kestrels and buzzards, that can be seen hovering or soaring overhead. The reserve comprises a patchwork of small fields with thick hedges and woodland and the River Hooke running through, all ideal habitat for a very broad selection of flora and fauna.

Victoria Vincent, education and engagement officer at Dorset Wildlife Trust, said: "This year is the first time the centre has run an events programme for children and their families during half terms and holidays."

"We have put together an array of events covering lots of new and exciting topics, including scavenger hunts, bugs and beasts, freshwater life, wild flower walks, and lots more."

"We will also be introducing a selection of forest school games and activities, with the first coming up next week titled 'Forest Friends', where children will have the chance to make their very own natural friend made entirely out of the materials we collect from the nature reserve."

Kingcombe Kids Club events, costing £3 per child including refreshments, are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 12 noon during school holidays, starting on February 19th. The café will be open from 10am to 4pm. All children must be accompanied. To guarantee a place booking is recommended on 01300 321409, email vvincen@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk

## Arborist Ted is apprentice of the year

by Trevor Bevins  
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A RECORD number of apprentices and employers attended this year's awards evening at Kingston Maurward College.

Awards were presented in a range of subjects including Animal Care, Arboriculture, Equine, Environmental Conservation, Horticulture, Butchery, IT, Retail and Customer Service, and Active Leisure and Learning.

The overall Smart Recruitment Apprentice of the year Award was presented to Ted Burridge, who also received the Kingston Maurward Trees and Timber Apprenticeship Award.

Tutor Jen Newman said: "Ted has worked incredibly hard over the past two years to complete his apprenticeship."

"During his time in college Ted has become a role model for the other students - they ask him for advice and he takes time to help them progress with practical activities like tree climbing and tree felling."

"It has been a privilege to watch Ted progress from a novice to fully trained arborist and I am very pleased he has decided to further his training and career by undertaking his Advanced Apprenticeship in Arboriculture at Kingston Maurward College."

Ted's employer, Chris Pottinger from Treotech in Christchurch, said: "Ted is keen to have a go at everything - and he listens. If he's not completely sure about something, he'll ask, which is why he's learning, and is so successful. He's always interested in everything, and makes progress continually; I am very proud of him."

Jo Adkins from Smart Recruitment said: "Ted has worked hard during his apprenticeship and as a result of this programme now aspires to run his own business. Not only has the apprenticeship given him key skills and a qualification, but it has taught him to rise to challenges and aim to be the best that he can be."

"Ted has been a key team member and has proved beyond a shadow of a doubt, that not only do these schemes work, but without them this talented individual may not have had the opportunity to shine."



■ TUTOR Jen Newman with star apprentice Ted Burridge and Chris Pottinger from Treotech



■ KINGSTON Maurward College award winning apprentices

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From the beginning of February, Ian welcomes the support of Andy Potter – a Bridport local with experience from a corporate letting agent in the town. Andy will assist Ian in developing a property lettings and management business with a truly local focus.

Vicary & Co's prominently located office in the heart of Bridport, directly opposite Bucky Doo Square on South Street, is already proving a success with a number of both landlords and tenants making enquiries on a regular basis.

As a result, the company has a number of prospective tenants who are ready and willing to take up landlords' properties when they become vacant, subject to referencing, avoiding periods of lack of rental income for landlords. Many prospective tenants have reported their wish to rent via Vicary & Co because of the competitive and clear set up fees.

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## In loving memory of Lynne

□ MAGNA Careline president Les Phillips and manager Tanya Grant (both far right) with the tree in memory of Careline operator Lynne King

STAFF at Magna Careline in Dorchester have planted a tree in memory of a colleague who died suddenly in September 2011.

Family members, colleagues and friends gathered outside Magna Careline offices in Poundbury to celebrate the life of Lynne King with the planting of an acer tree in her honour.

Lynne was with the company for seven years working as a Careline operator.

At the ceremony Magna Careline general manager, Tanya Grant, and honorary president, Leslie Phillips,

read tributes to Lynne, including well-loved stories of her time with the company and how she was a mentor to many of the employees working there today.

Lynne's daughter commented: "I would like to thank Magna Careline on behalf of all the family not just for the memorial tree planted today but money they raised for charity on behalf of my parents."

"I can see she was a valued member of the team and the gesture has really touched us."

Mr Phillips said: "It's fitting that

so many people are here today to remember Lynne. She was loyal and well-liked by all her colleagues and the residents she was in contact with. We wanted to plant the tree to recognise her contribution and we're delighted that family and friends could join us to celebrate her life."

Mrs Grant added: "The tree ceremony is a fitting tribute to remember a valued colleague and friend."

"Staff now have the opportunity to take a moment by the tree to remember Lynne."

## Councillors decide road noise should be solved by resurfacing, not barriers

A SUGGESTION for noise barriers along Dorchester bypass has been considered by town councillors.

But they heard that a more realistic proposal might be to press for parts of the busy road to be resurfaced.

Town councillor Robin Potter said homes near the road were finding it

increasingly noisy and some residents had suggested noise barriers, similar to those used on the Weymouth relief road.

But he was told that these had been suggested at the time the road was built – but rejected because of the problems they would cause for birds.

Mayor Andy Canning told a meeting of the town's planning committee that he would be against barriers because they would make the tree-lined road look more urban.

The Highways Agency will now be asked to consider resurfacing the road.

## Team rector bids farewell to parishes

DORCHESTER Team Rector Harold Stephens has been on a pilgrimage around the area to mark his retirement.

On Friday he travelled around both the Dorchester and the Winterbournes and Compton Valence benefices – taking in St Mary's, Dorchester; St Martin's at Martinstown; St Michael's at Winterbourne Steepleton; St Mary's at Winterbourne Abbas; St Thomas's at Compton Valence; St Peter's in

Dorchester; St George's, Dorchester; St Andrew's at West Stafford and finally St Simon and St Jude at Winterbourne Monkton.

There was also a farewell dinner in St Mary's Hall on Saturday evening.

The departure pilgrimage mirrored the Reverend Stephens arrival when he visited all five churches, as the benefice was then, on foot.

On Sunday 10th he took part in the final part of his departure – a Eu-

charist service at St Mary's.

The Reverend Stephens, and his wife Carol have been in Dorchester for more than five years, arriving from a smaller set of rural parishes in Wiltshire.

"From the very start the people proved welcoming, supportive and determined that the Anglican Church in our community could thrive in order that the community may be served," said the Reverend Stephens.

## Twelve police officers to be recruited

DORSET residents will be paying an extra 1p a day from April for the county's police force.

The Police and Crime Panel has approved a 1.95 per cent rise in the budget, equivalent to £183.51 for a Band D property, a rise of £3.51p a week on the current level.

Dorset's Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill said:

"The budget will secure the recruitment of another 12 police officers, increase the number of special constables, the extension of mobile data and will improve support to victims."

"Police officer recruitment in Dorset has been suspended since June 2010. Although overall numbers are set to fall further as Government funding continues to decline,

recruitment of new officers is important to bring in new blood and allow for balance within the workforce."

A new intake of 12 police officers will be recruited in June 2013. This will result in a net reduction of 38 officers, rather than the originally anticipated reduction of 50 from the force.

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### The Home Front Experience

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Visitors will learn about life on the Home Front during World War Two in a series of fun family activities, finding out about evacuation, rationing,

and the menacing threat of air raids.

#### • Children in 1940's fancy dress go FREE\*

Kids who get into the spirit of the era by dressing up in 1940's Fancy Dress are rewarded with FREE entry.

#### • Tour our Home Front House & meet the Home Guard

Free guided tours of the museum's Home Front House will allow visitors to see and touch a number of original artefacts from the time, and Bovington's own Home Guard will be on parade to explain their role and demonstrate their equipment.

#### • Make Do and Mend: Meet a 1940's housewife

A special guest appearance from a '1940's Housewife' will see the spirit of 'Make Do and Mend' revived through a series of interactive demonstrations of wartime home-craft.

#### • The Tank Museum Volunteer Modellers

They will be attending Monday 18th - Sunday 24th displaying some of their military models and will be looking forward to passing on their modelling tips.

#### • Special Wartime Menu in the restaurant

You'll even be able to

try out our special wartime menu in the museum restaurant; with soups, stews and Spam featuring prominently!

#### • FREE Museum guided tours, tank talks & craft activities

Plus, there will be the opportunity to climb in a tank, try on uniforms, enjoy family trails, tours, and explore the world's finest collection of tanks: all indoors and all included in the ticket price! Its Tonnes of Fun at The Tank Museum!

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When you arrive at The Tank Museum, report to our Evacuee Registration tent and collect your brown identity label before you head on into the Museum to qualify for your free admission.

#### \*Terms and conditions:

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## HALF TERM HIDDEN TREASURE

### Wednesday, February 20th, 7:30pm

WITH the February half term upon us, now is the time to book your place on one of Bridport Arts Centre's Treasure Workshops.

On Tuesday, February 19th the ever popular Darrell Wakelam will be running a workshop for 7 - 11 year olds. 'Make a Treasure Chest' that guarantees children will go home with a beautiful chest for all those important keep-sakes. The day begins at 10.30am and runs till 3pm. Tickets are £15 or £13 conc / siblings. Participants will need to bring a packed lunch and wear old clothes that can get messy. 16 places are available.

On Wednesday, 20th February Angi Porter will be holding a workshop for younger children called 'What's in the Box' In this 5 - 7 year olds will be able to explore and design structures using boxes and packaging materials to create a dream palace fit for a monarch or maybe a princess! The workshop begins at 10am and runs till 12.30pm. Tickets are £10 or £8 conc / sibling. Again, participants are asked to wear old clothes and 12 places are available. Booking are via the Arts Centre box office on 01308 424 204 or online at [www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com)

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## Darts players gifts for children's ward

DARTS players from the Sydney Arms in Dorchester collected almost £1,300 from sponsorship by growing beards – to buy TVs and games for the children's ward at the County Hospital.

The beards were grown by 14 darts players over the period of a month – and with a £50 fine agreed for anyone who shaved it off early everybody made the distance.

by Trevor Bevins  
trevorbevins@gmail.com

Perhaps not surprisingly only one of the beard growers decided to keep the full set after the fund-raising event was over. "It was a fantastic effort and very much appreciated," said hospital chief executive Jean O'Callaghan (centre right) who

turned up with play specialist Julie Goodall (centre, left) from the Kingfisher Ward to receive the donations on Monday night.

"I can tell you that there will be a lot of youngsters who will be really happy about both the TVs and the games," said a delighted Julie.

## New stroke monitors to benefit patients

TWO new hi-tech heart monitors will help stroke patients being treated at Dorset County Hospital.

The South West Stroke Research Network, which co-ordinates and supports studies into stroke, has provided £5,500 to pay for the equipment.

The monitors can be worn by patients discretely as they go about their daily lives collecting information about their heart rhythms which can help prevent them suffering a stroke.

Clinical Stroke Lead Dr Harald Pröschel: "These devices will help improve the detection rate of atrial fibrillation (AF), which causes a fast and erratic heartbeat.

"With traditional monitors we can only monitor people for 24 to 48 hours at a time which doesn't necessarily pick up the cardiac rhythms we are looking for. These new devices can monitor a patient for up to 32 days and you can program them to find very specific heart rhythms.

"AF can cause severe, disabling strokes and we hope, through detecting the irregular heart rhythms, that we can prevent these from happening. There is also the added benefit that it will allow us to enter eligible patients into clinical trials."



■ CLINICAL Stroke Lead Dr Harald Pröschel and Stroke Nurse Specialist Sara Leonard with the new cardiac monitors



A DORCHESTER cheerleading squad is holding an open afternoon to attract new members.

Distinction offers training in dance, cheerleading, tumbling, stunt and jumping.

Their open event, for those aged six to eighteen, will be held this Sunday, February 17th, from 1 to 3pm at the Dorchester Martial Arts and Fitness Centre.

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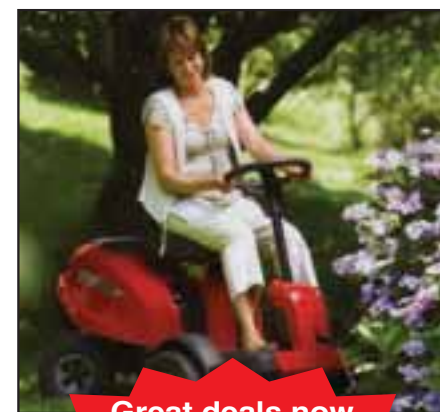
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Unplug appliances when you're not using them.

Wash clothes in cold water whenever possible. As much as 85 percent of the energy used to machine-wash clothes goes to heating the water.

Use a drying rack or clothesline to save the energy otherwise used during machine drying.

### Save water to save money

Take shorter showers to reduce water use. This will lower your water and heating bills too.

Install a low-flow showerhead. They don't cost much, and the water and energy savings can quickly pay back your investment.

Plant drought-tolerant native plants in your garden. Many plants need minimal watering. Find out which occur naturally in your area.

### Walk or bike to work

This saves on fuel and parking costs while improving your cardiovascular health and reducing your risk of obesity.

### Eat smart

If you eat meat, add one meatless meal a week. Meat costs a lot and it's even more expensive when you consider the related environmental and health costs.

Buy locally raised, humane, and organic meat, eggs, and dairy whenever you can. Purchasing from local farmers keeps money in the local economy.

### Skip the bottled water

Use a water filter to purify tap water instead of buying bottled water. Not only is bottled water expensive, but it generates large amounts of container waste.

Bring a reusable water bottle, preferably aluminum rather than plastic, with you when traveling or at work.

### Think before you buy

Go online to find new or gently used secondhand products. Whether you've just moved or are looking to redecorate, track down furniture, appliances, and other items cheaply or for free.

When making purchases, make sure you know what's "Good Stuff" and what isn't.

### Borrow instead of buying

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Share power tools and other appliances. Get to know your neighbors while cutting down on the number of things cluttering your garage.

### Buy smart

Buy in bulk. Purchasing food from bulk bins can save money and packaging.

Wear clothes that don't need to be dry-cleaned. This saves money and cuts down on toxic chemical use.

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## BARBARA'S BACK!

Barbara J Hunt returns  
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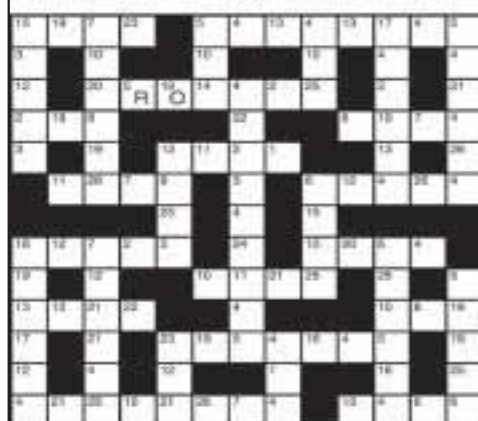
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### Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
U	L	Q	D	X	K	Y	N	A	S	P	R	F
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### Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

**Cryptic Clues:**

**Across**

- Most configuration of a vessel (4-5)
- See 26 Across
- What the listener does in genuine practice (3)
- This sort of local comes in instalments; we hear (8)
- A way of taking revenue for an island (10)
- Join a military detachment near the East (5)
- Likely to be shaken up in the game (4)
- Go through the sciences (5)
- Essential, initially, for everyone according to radio signals (4)
- It's believed to put the link-holder back in it (5)
- Initiate the dodging of a point in court (3)
- If you want to stay for good, you'll have to pay the bill (6)
- Beautiful flowers from Gail Mason? (9)
- See 6 Across and 11 Down. A singular occasion associated with many religions (4,4,1,4)
- It's vital as steel in medical form (3)

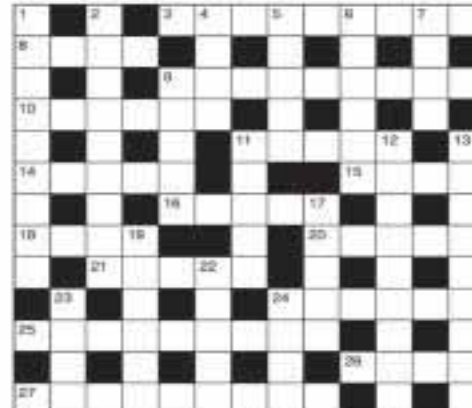
**Quick Clues:**

**Across**

- Convey (9)
- Catch sight of (4)
- Extended (5)
- Wool coat (6)
- Service (5)
- Wireless (5)
- Rim (4)
- Performs (3)
- Full heavy sound (4)
- Unspoken (5)
- Perch (10)
- Fix (6)
- Temple (9)
- Shortly (4)
- Austerity (5)

**Down**

- Pierce (9)
- Pomp (9)
- Ceremony (4)
- Very poor (5)
- Prosecco in brine (6)
- Spool (4)
- Exclusive story (5)
- Native map (5)
- Training (5)
- Apposite (9)
- Puritan (5)
- Evasive person (6)
- Lustrous silk fabric (5)
- Worry (4)
- Ado (4)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Pict; 5 Parthen; 8 Rust; 11 Striking; 14 Deep-pinked; 15 Spruce; 16 Murder; 17 Cheese-players; 20 Consider; 21 Club; 22 Resisted; 23 Drive. Down: 1 Paradise; 2 Cruiser; 4 Action; 5 Triangular; 6 Spine; 7 Night; 10 Space-suits; 12 Crossbow; 15 Dweller; 16 Sphinx; 18 Hand; 19 Scar. QUICK - Across: 1 Ads; 3 Disperse; 8 Type; 9 Barling; 11 Instructions; 13 Entry; 14 Rubric; 17 Perspiration; 20 Admire; 21 Rite; 22 Delights; 23 Lure. Down: 1 Admires; 2 Deposit; 4 Inked; 5 Particular; 6 Reign; 7 Edge; 10 Protesting; 12 Trenchless; 15 Bitter; 16 Stilet; 18 Enrol; 19 Rail.

### Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

	2			1			3	
5				3			8	
	9	3	5		6		7	
2				5		3		7
	1	8		7			9	
9				3		8		4
	3		1	4		6		
6				7				9
	8		6			4		

## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:  
The letter represented by the question mark is N. Linnucio, Mulligan, Cornely, all British comedians.



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## It's a Franken-Miracle!

MIRACLE Theatre bring their version of Frankenstein to the Corn Exchange, Dorchester on Friday, February 22nd and Saturday 23rd.

The cast will presents its Frankenstein as a musical - performed by the Ffitch Repertory Players in 1947.

The pre-publicity warns: "Expect foot-tapping songs, dazzling dance routines, eye-watering comedy and a jolly good fright!"

Tickets are £12 / £10 for members / £8 concessions / £30 family ticket and are available from Dorchester Arts on 01305 266926, or Dorchester Tourist Information Centre 267992 or through the website: [www.dorchesterarts.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterarts.org.uk)

## German comedy? It's wunderbar!



Henning Wehn

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Recent TV and radio appearances include *Matt Lucas Awards* (BBC1), *QI* (BBC2), *Dave's One Night Stand* (Dave, obviously!), *Unbelievable Truth* and *The Now Show* (BBC Radio 4), *Fighting Talk* (BBC Five Live) and his own six part BBC Radio2 series *Henning Knows Best*.

Since winning the Hackney Empire New Act of the Year in 2005, Henning has toured as support for Al Murray, Jo Brand, Jerry Sadowitz and Stewart Lee, and been hailed as "Side-splittingly funny" by The Times.

Henning Wehn will be performing live at Bridport's Electric Palace on Friday, February 22nd. Tickets are on sale now for £12 + sbf from Bridport Tourist Information Centre 01308 424901 / £14 on the door. Also on sale at [www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com) Doors open 7pm / Starts 8pm

## Dino Club launches during half term at County Museum

DORSET County Museum will be running two different events for children during half term week. Both are completely free thanks to generous sponsorship from Battens Solicitors through its Charitable Trust.

On Tuesday, February 19th the brand new Dino Club has its first session. This club has been specially designed for children aged 7 and under and each session will have a different dinosaur as its theme. This week's dinosaur is the Megalosaurus - a Jurassic dinosaur up to 9m long which walked on two legs, and had sharp teeth and claws. The activities will include making giant megalosaurus footprints. Dino Club runs from 10.30am to 11.30am and only takes place in the school holidays.

On Wednesday, February 20 there is a family activity from 10.30am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome and the theme is 'Five things you didn't think you could do in a museum!' These include making new labels for exhibits, rearranging a display case and dressing up some of the statues. Both events are free, and there's no need to book - just turn up on the day.

For further information contact the Museum on 01305 262735 or check the website on [ww.dorset-countymuseum.org](http://ww.dorset-countymuseum.org)



## Barbara J Hunt returns to 115 Club for Valentine's night performance

ONCE again 115 Club have done it, a fabulous evening of Music, entertainment and the atmosphere become to be known by the regulars for an evening like no other. This time it was "Break the Chain", the fantastic three piece from the South West, showcasing rock and blues, like no other group who grace the Club!

115 Club have once again, perfect for Valentines evening, managed to secure for their next week showcase, the eclectic Barbara J Hunt. In her own words, "Really looking forward to singing about love for the entire evening of the February 14th". Perfect vocals accompanied by magical guitar licks, Barbara, with haunting vocals performs soulful tracks, such as "King of my Heart" that she performed in the British Film "Confetti", and as an accomplished songwriter; tracks like "Love never dies" from the film "Killing Bono".

When Barbara last performed at 115 Club to a packed house, they applauded with huge appreciation, enjoying every moment of her style and performance. Barbara is a stunning musician, offering soul, folk & a little jazz, with her beautiful vocals lighting up the subtle illumination of the 115 Clubs cellar environment.

115 Club always ensures a wonderful evening is had by all. The intimacy of this cosy cellar setting guarantees the mood is set for an exclusive evening of entertainment.

For more information check out the 115 Club's own site at [www.115club.com](http://www.115club.com) or [www.facebook.com/115club](http://www.facebook.com/115club)



Barbara J Hunt

## View 2 Diary Dates

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

**DORCHESTER:** Plant heritage Group. 'Camellias - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow', an illustrated talk on this delightful genus by Dorset based Jennifer Trehane, internationally respected Camellia expert, Author and Nursery Woman. In the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College. Visitors welcome (£2.50, Students £1.00 at the door). Details from Peter on 01305 772533 and the NCCPG website.

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

**BROADMAYNE:** Market at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the church) Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws Cards, Local Sausages, Lamb & eggs, Local watercress, Plants from local Nursery, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

**WEYMOUTH:** U3A March Meeting. "Operation Henry" David Snelling runs the trust which offers support to sufferers of pancreatic cancer and their families in the Ivybridge and Plym-mouth area. His illustrated talk will also be about an amazing journey David made a few years ago. Held at St Aldhelms Church New Hall, Spa Road, DT3 5EW. For more details call 01305 767584.

### SATURDAY MARCH 2ND

**BROADMAYNE:** Mike Denham, a fine local solo pianist with an interesting repertoire of music, will perform a Tribute to George Gershwin and Cole Porter, at St Martin's Church from 7.30pm. Tickets: Early discount £6, on the Door £7, from Carol Wightman 01305 854385 and Corner House Stores Broadmayne. For further information: Carol Wightman 01305 854385.

### SATURDAY MARCH 9TH

**DORCHESTER:** Dorchester and District Bible Society Action Group Spring Coffee Morning and Sale at the United Church Hall, South Street. 9.45am-11.45am. Donations of books, CDs, bric-a-brac etc gratefully received. For more details call 01300 341996.

### SATURDAY MARCH 23RD

**DORCHESTER:** Choral Society sing Bach's Mass in B Minor at St Mary's Church, Dorchester from 7.30pm.

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# Perfect setting, glorious food

**P**ERCHED high on the headland at the mouth of Cornwall's trendy Camel Estuary, the St Moritz Hotel reeks of decadence but in a non-pretentious way.

With the North Cornwall beaches in close proximity, and glorious views over the Atlantic, there can be few better places to spend a weekend break away from the rigours of the daily grind.

We chose the coldest weekend of the winter for our sojourn into Cornwall, although as Devon was snow-bound and shivered in sub-zero temperatures there was little of the white stuff west of Exeter with the Duchy basking in temperatures of five degrees and more.

Even in such arctic conditions, the journey from **View From Country** into deepest Cornwall took just over two hours and a warm welcome was awaiting from the staff at St Moritz.

A luxury hotel has stood on this stunning site overlooking Daymer Bay, near Rock, since the 1930s, making it the perfect setting for the ultimate luxurious break.

The original, imposing private house belonged to a couple called the Underwoods who, after the war, reinvented it as a luxurious hotel. On his trips to St Moritz, Richard Underwood found a commitment matching his own for haute cuisine, excellent service and attention to detail, and named the hotel after the Swiss town.

The St Moritz became truly international. Its chefs learned their trade in Switzerland and the excellence they brought back – and on which the Underwoods insisted throughout – saw its reputation soar. Politicians, film stars, business leaders and writers were drawn to the spectacular coast but, most of all, to the hotel's celebrated levels of service.

Brothers Hugh and Stephen Ridgway, the new owners, bulldozed the original building and in a £15 million development completed in 2008, recreated those heady art deco days of the 1950s with an hotel and leisure complex which is dedicated to supplying the perfect antidote to the daily stresses of urban life.

Standing on the Trebetherick headland, with inspiring views over the estuary between the trendy

**View Editor  
PHILIP EVANS  
enjoys a weekend  
break at the luxurious  
St Moritz Hotel  
in Cornwall**

resorts of Polzeath and Rock and within easy reach of some of Cornwall's most popular attractions, the St Moritz is the ideal base for getting acquainted with the magic of Cornwall.

But don't be fooled into thinking that this is just a posh pad for yuppie couples; the St Moritz is very much a family hotel. Despite its obvious opulence, the first thing we noticed was the collection of kiddie essentials in the foyer – buckets and spades, wellie boots, skateboards and even a surfboard.

The hotel also has its own holiday club for children, branded as the Mini Moritz, with a host of activities including sand safaris, not to mention their own menu and cocktails.

We spent our two nights at the St Moritz in a ground floor suite which included its own kitchen and which would have made any Domestic Goddess salivate. Not that we intended using it with one of Cornwall's best restaurants waiting for our custom in the main body of the hotel.

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The suite was all you would expect and more from an hotel with St Moritz's reputation, comfortable sitting area, sliding door access to your own sitting out area, massive bed and a welcome box of goodies with romance in mind which included truffles, a free DVD of Audrey Hepburn's "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and a game of Truth or Dare.

The snow had caused a number of cancellations from guests intending to stay at the weekend but did not seem to affect the restaurant where the high standards expected in this part of Cornwall were clearly satisfied by new head chef Nick Osborne.

Committed to the finest British food, predominantly Cornish ingredients, his team of nine chefs working in the open kitchen, make the dining experience more interesting, demonstrating huge attention to detail and presentation.

With its proximity to the Cornish ports, fish features prominently on the menu with Nick not finalising the evening menu until he has bought his fresh fish, landed by the daytime fisherman from Port Isaac to Newlyn.

Saturday morning was spent touring this corner of Cornwall with the obligatory visit to Padstow, followed by lunch in the St Moritz's Sea Side restaurant with has easy access from the pool and beach hut area.

The atmosphere in the Sea Side is much more relaxing but with an equally interesting fish dominated menu together with some favourites much in evidence.



■ THE St Moritz Hotel at Trebetherick which commands glorious views over the Camel Estuary

Enjoying that gastronomic delights of the St Moritz is a big part of the hotel's attraction and we were not disappointed with the standard of the cuisine, and that included a more than adequate breakfast table.

Before driving back into the arctic wastes of Devon and Dorset on the Sunday morning we were treated to the ultimate parting gift - a fully body massage in the St Moritz Cowshed, an unusual name for such a sensuous treatment but part of a global chain of spas.

We left Trebetherick thoroughly relaxed and deter-

mined to return in the summer months.

If you have an important anniversary to celebrate, or you just what to pamper yourself, then a visit to St Moritz will tick all the boxes.

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■ ONE of the private massage rooms in the Cowshed spa at the St Moritz Hotel



■ THE view over the Atlantic from the penthouse suite at the St Moritz Hotel

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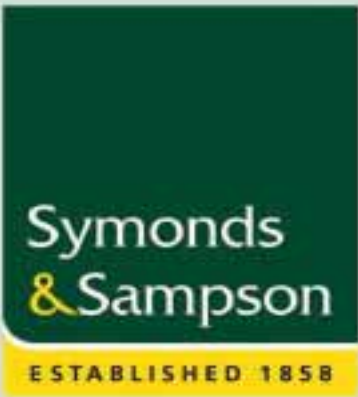


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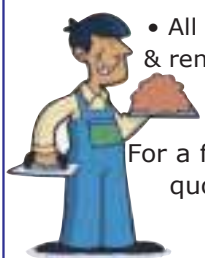
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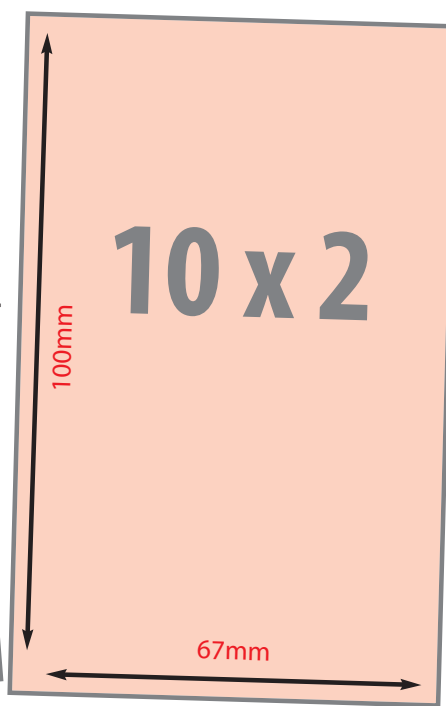
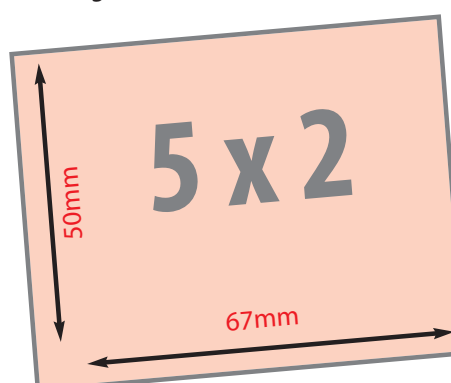
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## Fast-paced start to 2013 for Mercedes-Benz UK

- Mercedes-Benz sustains momentum built up in 2012: 7.4 per cent rise in registrations recorded for the first month of 2013
- A-Class registrations get off to a strong start in its first month on-sale – achieving 6.2 per cent segment share
- C-Class and E-Class Saloon variants each hold Number One spot in their highly-competitive market segments
- C-Class ranked 10th in the overall UK vehicle registration figures for January
- AMG records another strong month – registrations are up by 75 per cent when compared to the same period in 2012
- C 63 AMG Estate leads increases with 125 per cent gain
- New Citan van is introduced to the market for the first time as dealer vehicles are registered ahead of its UK launch

As the exciting new A-Class was introduced to the market for the first time, Mercedes-Benz recorded a 7.4 per cent rise in registrations for the month of January, according to figures released by the SMMT.

Among the strongest performers in January was the C-Class Saloon, placed first in its highly-competitive market segment with a 12.8 per cent increase compared with the same period last year. Likewise, the E-Class Saloon recorded an even stronger start to the year, claiming the Number One spot in its segment with a 30.9 per cent gain in registrations.

Retaining its position as the fastest-growing performance brand in the UK, AMG reported a 75 per cent rise in registrations for January. Contributing to this high-performance result was the C 63 AMG Estate, the registrations for which rose by 125 per cent.

As the weather conditions deteriorated, registrations of the M-Class rose by 386.3 per cent compared to January 2012 – securing a substantial 14.4 per cent share of the market segment.

The new A-Class captured a 6.2 per cent share of its segment in the month that sales commenced in

the UK – a strong start for an exciting new model that will be joined by the CLA four-door coupé in June.

Likewise, Mercedes-Benz made its debut in the small van market as the first examples of the new

Citan were registered ahead of its market introduction in the coming months.

Marcus Breitschwerdt, President and CEO of Mercedes-Benz UK commented: 'We begin 2013 re-energised, with great momentum and as the fastest growing performance brand – a great start and one everyone in my team at Mercedes-Benz UK will be working hard to sustain.'

'This promises to be an exciting year for us – our customer service teams at our passenger car retailers and CV dealers across the country share this excitement and are thriving on the challenge of exceeding the expectations of our customers. We have advanced and desirable new models being added to our range – the new A-Class made its market debut this year – and we're looking forward to the arrival of the new CLA and the new E-Class. This is bolstered by great new products from our Commercial Vehicles operation – including the new Citan – adding to the surprises in store for 2013.'



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## First details of the Volkswagen Golf R Cabriolet revealed

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ting power to the front wheels. The new car has an electronically limited top speed of 155 mph, with the benchmark 0-62 mph sprint taking just 6.4 seconds.

Design cues include a bespoke front bumper with gloss-black grille and 'R' logo, LED day-

time running lights, bi-xenon headlights with black housings, gloss-black door mirror casings and black-painted brake callipers with R logo. Side sill extensions, a gloss black rear diffuser framed by chrome-tipped exhausts either side and smoked LED tail lights complete the look.

Bespoke 'R' suspension lowers the ride by 25 mm in comparison with the standard Golf Cabriolet. Wheels are 18- or 19-inch 'Talladega' alloy wheels in either 'Sterling Silver' or optionally 'High-gloss Black'.

The interior features four individual sports seats in 'Vienna Cool Leather' and 'R' logos in the head restraints, while the leather-wrapped multifunction steering wheel, handbrake grip and gear lever all have contrasting grey stitching. The pedals have brushed aluminium caps, while the doors and dashboard feature 'Silver Lane' aluminium decorative inlays.

Standard specification includes RCD 310 DAB radio with MDI (multi-device interface) and Bluetooth telephone connectivity. As on all Golf Cabriolet models, the fully electric insulated hood is operated by a switch in the centre console, and can be lowered in 9.5 seconds at speeds of up to 18 mph (and raised in 11.0 seconds).

The Golf R Cabriolet will be available to order this spring, priced at £38,770 RRP OTR. The Golf Cabriolet range costs from £21,040 for the entry-level S 1.2-litre TSI 105 PS, rising to £30,765 for the GTI 2.0-litre TSI 210 PS with DSG gearbox.



▲ The Volkswagen Golf R Cabriolet

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## Pothole plague risks a rise in tyre related road casualties

The current 'pothole epidemic' blighting the UK's roads is not only causing added financial burden for drivers and councils, but it is also in danger of leading to a rise in the number of tyre related road casualties.

The stark warning has been issued by TyreSafe, the UK's leading tyre safety organisation and comes after the consumer watchdog Which? found that Councils in England and Wales paid out £22.8m in compensation to drivers for pothole related damage in 2012.

"Hitting a pothole can cause a number of tyre and wheel problems which can have a serious impact on road safety," explains Stuart Jackson, chairman, TyreSafe. "Visible damage such as buckled wheels or lumps in the tyre are the most obvious signs of a problem which must be addressed by a qualified professional."



▲ Hitting a pothole can damage the tyre and wheel

However, hidden problems such as cracked alloys can be just as dangerous." Indeed, such is the scale of the pothole problem that one TyreSafe member reported more than 100 customers with damaged alloy wheels visited one of its outlets in just the last month alone. Furthermore, following the 'perfect storm' conditions for the formation of potholes, many road experts are now predicting months of motoring misery ahead.

"If drivers do hit a pothole, it's important that they check their tyre pressures regularly over the next few days to see if there is any gradual loss of pressure," adds Jackson. "Hairline fractures in the alloy wheel can lead to air escaping and low pressure can have devastating consequences."

Correct air pressure is particularly important for safe driving. Not only is handling and cornering affected by low pressure, but when driven under-inflated for prolonged periods, tyres are more likely to overheat and suffer from rapid deflation. This type of event can be extremely difficult to control as it often occurs at high speeds on motorways risking the life of the driver, vehicle occupants and other road users as well.

Other pothole related damage that drivers are being advised to look out for include cuts, lumps or bulges in the tyre as well as any changes to the vehicle's feel or handling which can be a sign of misalignment.

"If you are in any doubt about the condition of your wheels and tyres, we'd ad-

vise popping along to your nearest tyre retailer so they can give them a thorough inspection and make sure they're safe to use," concluded Jackson.

Drivers unsure of their correct tyre pressures can find details in their vehicle handbook, inside the fuel filler cap or on a plate on the driver's door sill. Alternatively they can use TyreSafe's free iPhone app or check online at [www.tyresafe.org](http://www.tyresafe.org).

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Brewers Bees.....	17	21
Colliton Imps.....	18	20
Greyhound.....	16	17
Pudd Wanderers.....	18	16
Breakaways.....	17	15
Wide Boys.....	17	15
Woodmen.....	17	14
Allsorts.....	17	12
3CA.....	18	12
Slingers.....	17	7
Jokers.....	16	6
♦ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 520 Barmy Army, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: 1 Belt (Puddletown Wand) 90.		

Section B	Pld	Pts
Heathens.....	18	28
Steamers.....	17	24
Yokels.....	18	24
Chimps.....	18	22
Wurzels.....	17	19
Alcotops.....	18	18
Hammers.....	18	17
Essentials.....	18	17
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Colliton Spares.....	17	15
Swankers.....	18	15
Strimmers.....	18	15
Vic Reeves.....	18	13
Supertramps.....	17	11
Tinklers.....	18	10
♦ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 514 Steamers, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: M.Scotchmer (Wurzels) 83.		

Section C	Pld	Pts
Hotshots.....	18	24
Top Pins.....	18	22
Half Pints.....	18	20
Untouchables.....	18	20
Country Boys.....	18	20
Muckspreaders.....	17	18
Plodders.....	17	18
Villains.....	18	18
Swan Abbots.....	18	17
Strugglers.....	18	17
Fingers.....	17	16
Colliton A.....	17	16
Merrymen.....	17	16
Fumblers.....	18	12
Thatchers.....	17	10
♦ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 502 Merrymen, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: A.Aplin (Colliton Flingers) 80.		

Section D	Pld	Pts
Wool Misfits.....	15	26
Funseekers.....	16	22
Dribs n' Drabs.....	15	22
Hopefuls.....	16	18
Pudd Nomads.....	14	18
Unpredictables.....	15	15
Headliners.....	15	14
Casuals.....	14	14
Legionnaires.....	14	12
Chuckers.....	15	12
Shipwrecked.....	15	12
Rollers.....	15	7
Huntsmen.....	14	2
♦ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 493 Wool RBL Misfits, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: K.Legg (Wool RBL Misfits) 79.		

LADIES	Pld	Pts
Devils.....	16	30
Breezers.....	16	20
Crackerjacks.....	16	20
Oakettes.....	16	20
Bloomers.....	14	18
Potshots.....	16	18
Woodpeckers.....	15	8
Westenders.....	15	6
Nik Naks.....	16	0
♦ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 485 Devils, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: M.Fowler (Devils), V.Cooper (Devils) both 75.		

Section B	Pld	Pts
Forget-me-Nots.....	14	18
Galley Maids.....	13	18
Odd Bulls.....	14	16
Colli-Frolics.....	13	14
Colli-Cats.....	14	14
Crossfire.....	13	12
Cornwall Girls.....	13	12
Black Jacks.....	14	4
♦ HIGHEST TEAM SCORE: 393 Cornwall Girls 393, TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORE: A.Wright (Cornwall Girls) 67.		

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DORSET FOOTBALL ROUND-UP  
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**Dorset Premier League**  
**Cranborne 2 Weymouth Res 2**  
THE TERRAS stay in 8th place despite only drawing 2-2 to Cranborne Town. Their goals coming from Sean Zima in the 33rd minute and Ben Doige. On target for the Cranes was Nick Day who netted both in the 75th and 81st minutes.

**Senior League**  
MERE TOWN extended their lead at the top of the senior league to an impressive nine points following their 3-0 victory against Westland Sports. Their goals came from Jordan Collins (2) and Nicholas Hewlett.  
Sturminster Newton United moved up into the top three with a 3-0 victory against Stourpaine with their goal scorers being Sam Stockley, Jony Hayes and Tim Westlake.  
Piddletrenthide United moved up two places to 5th following their 5-1 victory against Portland United Reserves. Goals from Adam Lloyd, Jon Churchill, Neil Kellaway, Dan Belt and Jonathan Will sealed an impressive win.  
Kingston Lacy moved up into 8th place after 2-1 win at Sturminster Marshall that leaves Sturminster still in the bottom two.

**Division One**  
POUNDBURY ROVERS stay in the top five following their 1-1 draw against Poole Borough Reserves with the Hornets goal coming from Kyle Stacey.  
Bridport stay in mid-table after their 1-0 win against their visitors Bere Regis with their marksmen being Connor Falvey.

**Division Two**  
DORCHESTER SPORTS climbed to the top of Division Two, on goal difference, following their 6-2 win against Wyke Regis Social Club. Goals for Dorchester came from Daniel McDonald (2) and one each from Karl Hick, Tom Godfrey and Alex Travers while scoring for Wyke were Matthew Williams and Mark Cheater.  
The Balti House served up a tasty performance to stay in third place with a 3-1 victory over AFC Cobham with the goals coming from Simon Shapcott, Josh Houghton and Sam Hayne. Scoring Cobham's consolation was Andy Butt and as a result of this defeat Cobham slip down to second place.  
Fourth placed Weymouth Spartans continued their good form with a 4-1 win at Donhead with the host goal coming from Tom Carter.  
Corfe Castle returned to winning ways in a thrilling 5-3 win against Sturminster Newton United Reserves with Matthew Suttle and Ben Stuckes both netting a brace and one for Ryan

Norman.  
Portland Town gained their first win of the season when they defeated their hosts Shaftesbury Town Reserves 6-2 with Paul Cole grabbing four and two for Teejay Smith-McFarlane while scoring the consolation goals for Shaftesbury was Callum Bent and an own goal  
The Ship Inn Wool and Wareham Rangers Reserves drew 1-1 with the Wool goal coming from Sean Loveless.

**Division Three**  
PIDDLEHINTON UNITED maintained their single point lead at the top of Division Three thanks to a 1-0 win against Portesham United.  
Lytchett Red Triangle, with five games in hand of the leaders, made it ten games without defeat when they beat their visitors Sturminster Marshall 6-1 with their strikes from Dan Ricketts with a hat-trick, and one each for Courtney Johnstone, Sam Keefe and Taylor Brown.  
Handley Sports missed the chance to close the gap on the leaders when they drew 1-1 at Bere Regis with the host's goal coming from Pete Macklin.  
Maiden Newton & Cattistock moved up into the top five with a 2-0 win against their visitors Stickland United with their goal scorers being Ryan Thurgood and James Caddy.  
The Belvedere Inn and Stalbridge played out a two all draw with the Belvedere goal coming from Alex Haynes and Terry Hoey.

**Division Four**  
BROADSTONE maintain second spot despite losing only their second game of the season at Bishops Caundle with their marksmen being Luke Gee (2) and one for Curtis Raynor while getting on the score sheet for the Bishops were Tom Colly (2) and one each for Aaron Harcom and Justin Bingham.  
Puddletown moved to within a point of the leaders with a game in hand following their 2-1 victory against Portland Town Reserves with the host's goal coming from Elliott Gould.  
Mere Town Reserves stay hot on the heels of the top two after their 4-1 win at Corfe Mullen with the hosts' goal coming from Luke Green.  
Fourth place side AFC Blandford recorded the highest score of the day when they beat their visitors Weymouth Spartans Reserves lost 11-0 as Aaron Lawes bagged an impressive double hat-trick, Dan Haylock with a brace and one each for Dave Cox, David Cox and Michael Gleadell.  
United Football Club of Poundbury moved further away from the bottom three with a 5-0 win at Littlemoor. Arthur May with a hat-trick and one each for Mark Connell and George Higgins

**Division Five**  
SWANAGE TOWN & Herston A moved to within eight points of the leaders with a 4-2 victory at Broadstone with the hosts goals coming from Matthew Stevenson and Ben Cherret.  
Wellworthys stay in the top three with an 4-3 win at Portland. Lee Clarke grabbed a hat rick as his snatched a vital win.  
The Kangaroos Reserves jumped and hopped all the way home following their 5-0 victory against Handley Sports Reserves and now stay in fourth place.  
Marnhull and Lytchett RT Youth drew 2-2 with Marnhull as Lytchett's goals coming from Ashley Young and Shane Matthews.

RESULTS

**Saturday, February 9th**  
**Dorset Premier League**  
Blandford United 3-2 Swanage Town & H Chickereil United 2-0 Bridport Reserves  
Cranborne 2-2 Weymouth Reserves  
Hamworthy Recreation 0-4 Wincanton Town  
Hamworthy United Res 0-1 Shaftesbury Town  
Merley Cobham Sports 0-3 Holt United  
Wareham Rangers 2-3 Poole Borough  
**Senior League**  
Mere Town 3-0 Westland Sports  
Piddletrenthide Utd 5-1 Portland United Res  
Sturminster Marshall 1-2 Kingston Lacy  
Sturminster Newton United 3-0 Stourpaine  
**Dorset League Division One**  
Bridport A 1-0 Bere Regis  
Poole Borough Res 1-1 Poundbury Rovers  
**Dorset League Division Two**  
Corfe Castle 5-3 Sturminster Newton Utd Res  
Donhead United 1-4 Weymouth Spartans  
Shaftesbury Town Res 2-6 Portland Town  
The Balti House 3-1 AFC Cobham  
The Ship Inn Wool 1-1 Wareham Rangers Res  
Wyke Regis Social Club 2-6 Dorchester Sports  
**Dorset League Division Three**  
Bere Regis Reserves 1-1 Handley Sports  
Lytchett RT 6-1 Sturminster Marshall Res  
Maiden Newton & Cat 2-0 Stickland Utd  
Portesham United 0-1 Piddletrenthide United  
The Belvedere Inn 2-2 Stalbridge  
**Dorset League Division Four**  
AFC Blandford 11-0 Weymouth Spartans Res  
Bishops Caundle 4-3 Broadstone FC  
Corfe Mullen Utd Res 1-4 Mere Town Reserves  
Littlemoor 0-5 United FC Poundbury  
Portland Town Reserves 1-2 Puddletown  
**Dorset League Division Five**  
Broadstone Res 2-4 Swanage T & Herston A  
Handley Sports Res 0-5 Kangaroos Reserves  
Marnhull 2-2 Lytchett RT Youth  
Portland Town A 3-4 Wellworthys

FIXTURES

Saturday, February 16th

**Dorset Premier League**  
Blandford Utd v Merley Cobham Sports  
Cranborne v Hamworthy Utd Res  
Parley Sports v Kingston Lacy  
Poole Borough v Tintinhull  
Portland Utd v Wareham Rangers  
Sherborne Town Resv Holt Utd  
Swanage Town & Herston v Shaftesbury Town  
Weymouth Res v Bridport Res  
**Senior League**  
Gillingham Town Res v Weymouth Sports  
Mere Town v Westland Sports  
Piddletrenthide United v Portland United Res  
Sturminster Marshall v Kingston Lacy  
Sturminster Newton v Stourpaine  
Witchampton United v Blandford United Res  
**Dorset Division One**  
Bridport A v Bere Regis  
Kangaroos v Corfe Mullen United  
Poole Borough Reserves v Poundbury Rovers  
South Cheriton v Chickereil United Reserves  
Swanage Town & H Res v Merley Cobham Res  
**Dorset Division Two**  
Corfe Castle v Sturminster Newton United Res  
Shaftesbury Town Res v Portland Town  
Ship Inn, Wool v Wareham Rangers Res  
The Balti House v AFC Cobham  
Wyke Regis Social Club v Dorchester Sports  
**Dorset Division Three**  
Bere Regis Reserves v Handley Sports  
Lytchett RT v Sturminster Marshall Res  
Maiden Newton & Cattistock v Stickland Utd  
Portesham United v Piddlehinton United  
The Belvedere Inn v Stalbridge  
**Dorset Division Four**  
Bishops Caundle v Broadstone FC Seniors  
Corfe Mullen Utd Res v Mere Town Res  
Littlemoor v Unitted FC of Poundbury  
Portland Town Reserves v Puddletown  
**Dorset Division Five**  
Broadstone FC Seniors Res v Swanage Town  
Handley Sports Reserves v Kangaroos Res  
Marnhull v Lytchett Red Triangle Youth  
Portland Town A v Wellworthys

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FIXTURES

**Divison 1**  
Bournemouth Poppies Colts v Parley Sports  
Hamworthy United v Dorchester Town  
Poole Borough v Westland Sports  
Wimborne Town v Sherborne Town  
**Division 2**  
Chickereil United v Swanage Town & Herston  
Lytchett RT v Bournemouth Poppies  
Merley Cobham Sports v Greenridge Athletic  
Wimborne Town v Broadstone  
**Division 3**  
Dorchesetr Town Magpies v Wool & Winfrith  
Merley Cobham Sports Colts v South Cheriton  
Poole Town Wessex v Shaftesbury Town  
Portland Town v Oakmedians  
Portland United v Corfe Mullen Utd Juniors

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Holt Utd.....	20	14	3	24
Portland Utd.....	17	14	2	14
Ham'thy Rec.....	20	12	2	6
Wincanton.....	16	11	4	1
Chickereil Utd.....	19	10	6	3
Bridport Res.....	20	9	5	6
Tintinhull.....	19	10	2	7
Weymouth Res.....	19	8	3	8
Shaftesbury.....	18	8	1	9
Parley Sports.....	15	7	3	5
Wareham Ran.....	21	6	4	11
Blandford Utd.....	21	7	0	14
Hamworthy.....	18	5	4	11
Cranborne.....	19	5	4	9
Merley Spts.....	14	5	3	11
Swanage & H.....	18	4	1	9
Sherborne Res.....	12	2	5	11
Poole Boro.....	20	3	2	15

Senior League	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Mere Town.....	14	13	1	0
Gillingham Res.....	14	10	1	3
Sturminster.....	14	6	4	4
Witchampton.....	11	7	1	3
Piddlet'thide.....	12	6	1	5
Portland Res.....	15	5	3	7
Westland Spts.....	15	5	2	6
Kingston Lacy.....	11	5	1	5
Upwey & Broa.....	9	5	0	4
Stourpaine.....	14	4	1	9
Blandford Utd.....	13	4	1	8
Weymouth.....	13	2	5	6
Sturm Marsh.....	15	3	0	12
Okeford Utd.....	8	2	1	5

Division One	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Corfe Mullen.....	11	10	1	0
Milborne Spts.....	14	9	2	3
South Cheritin.....	10	8	1	27
Bere Regis.....	13	5	2	6
Poundbury Ro.....	11	5	2	4
Bridport A.....	13	5	1	7
Kangeroos.....	11	3	4	2
Poole Boro.....	14	4	1	9
Swanage Twn.....	7	4	0	3
Wincanton Res.....	7	2	3	5
Chickereil Res.....	10	2	0	8
Merely Cobh.....	11	0	1	39

Division Two	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Dorchester Sp.....	15	10	2	3
AFC Cobham.....	16	10	2	4
Balti House.....	13	9	2	21
Weymouth Sp.....	12	3	0	15
Shaftesbury.....	15	7	3	5
Wyke Regis.....	14	6	2	6
Gillingham A.....	14	5	3	6
Corfe Castle.....	12	6	0	6
Sturminster.....	11	3	1	7
Wareham Ran.....	11	2	3	6
Donhead Utd.....	13	3	0	23
Ship Inn, Wool.....	10	1	3	6
Portland Town.....	12	1	3	8

Division Three	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Piddlehinton.....	15	9	4	2
AFC Blandford.....	10	10	0	53
Handley Spts.....	13	6	3	4
Portsham Utd.....	11	6	2	3
Maiden N&C.....	12	5	2	15
Stalbridge.....	12	4	4	4
Stickland Utd.....	14	2	6	11
Belvedere Inn.....	8	2	3	11
Sturminster.....	11	3	1	7
Bere Regis Res.....	10	1	4	5
Owermoigne.....	14	1	2	35

Division Four	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Mere Town.....	12	8	1	3
Broadstone.....	11	7	2	2
Puddletown.....	11	7	2	10
AFC Blandford.....	10	6	3	1
Cranborne.....	13	6	2	0
Bishops Caun.....	12	4	2	6
Portland Res.....	10	3	4	3
UFC Poundbur.....	10	1	5	4
Weym'th Spar.....	12	2	1	9
Corfe Mullen.....	13	2	0	11

Division Five	PW	D	LGD	Pts
Pimperne.....	11	10	0	1
Swanage Town.....	8	7	1	0
Wellworthys.....	11	7	1	3
Kangeroos Res.....	12	7	1	4
Marnhull.....	14	5	3	6
Milborne Res.....	10	4	2	4
Lytchett RT.....	13	4	2	7
Portland A.....	14	4	2	8
Broadstone.....	13	4	1	8
Handley Res.....	13	2	2	4
Maiden N&C.....	9	2	1	6

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SCRUM DOWN - rugby round-up

With Will Mowbray

Puddletown claim bragging rights in heavy conditions

Puddletown 18  
Weymouth Seconds 7

DESPITE the heavy conditions this Dorset & Wilts 2 South derby was a well-contested and entertaining affair with both sides deserving much credit for trying to play open rugby.  
Inevitably though it came down to the forwards with the Villagers' well-drilled pack increasingly in control and finally making sure of victory with a move straight from the training ground.  
Puddletown were quicker out of the blocks and after just five minutes early pressure forced a penalty in front of the posts.  
Skipper Tom Yeatman made no mistake as he put his side ahead. As the game developed the visitors too were finding some rhythm and on 25 minutes a quick break breached the home defence allowing full-back Matt Dobson, making his senior debut, to dash in for a try. Ryan Keeble-Kinsella, playing at scrum-half, added the extras.  
The Villagers though were soon back in the ascendancy, Yeatman closing the

gap with a second successful penalty, and but for a spate of handling errors as they attacked with pace, they could have regained the lead earlier than they did.  
Eventually it all came good just on half-time with the forwards putting together some great phases before the ball was spun out to winger James House to sprint down his line and score in the corner.  
The second period continued in the same vein with both sides working hard to create chances, but with defences dominating and ball continuing to be spilled, much of the battle took place in midfield.  
The game entered its last quarter, and with a Weymouth player in the sin-bin, Puddletown took full advantage of their superiority to score, Yeatman firing a long penalty kick into touch, before a text book catch-and-drive from the line-out ended with number eight Paul Chidley spinning off the back of the maul to crash over.  
Yeatman's conversion attempt was successful this time and the home side

were content to close out any further threat from the visitors in the final ten minutes.  
**Dorset Piddle Brewery Man of the Match:** Giles Trowbridge  
**Puddletown Preview**  
PUDDLETOWN travel to second placed New Milton Seconds this weekend in the hope of moving further up the table after a comfortable victory over Weymouth Seconds last weekend.  
These two sides last met back in November when Puddletown destroyed New Miltons impressive unbeaten run with a 31-11 win.  
Town will hope for more of the same this weekend but they can not afford to underestimate the task in hand.  
**Weymouth Preview**  
AFTER a disappointing thrashing at the hands of Trowbridge last weekend, Weymouth first team travel to Wootton Bassett this weekend.  
The fellow mid-table strugglers grabbed an impressive away win at Walcot last weekend, which will give them

great belief going into the game. However the last time these two sides met Weymouth ran out 26-17 in a close encounter back in November.

RESULTS

**Saturday, 9th February**  
**Southern Counties South**  
Dorchester 11 - 20 Frome  
Weymouth 3 - 55 Trowbridge  
**Dorset & Wilts 2 South**  
Dorchester II HWO Fordingbridge II  
Puddletown 18 - 7 Weymouth II  
**Dorset & Wilts 4**  
Weymouth III 5 vs 66 Bournemouth IV

FIXTURES

**Saturday, 16th February**  
**Southern Counties South**  
Oakmeadians vs Dorchester  
Wootton Bassett vs Weymouth  
**Dorset & Wilts 2 South**  
Weymouth II vs Dorchester II  
New Milton II vs Puddletown  
**Dorset & Wilts 4**  
Bridport II vs Weymouth III



MAGPIES AND TERRAS REPORTS

with Stuart Broom

# Battling Magpies confound their critics

**Dorchester Town 2 Salisbury City 1**

**FEBRUARY 9TH, BLUE SQUARE 5TH - ATT 641**

DORCHESTER Town confounded their critics on Saturday in front of the largest league attendance of the season, when they beat Blue Square South league leaders Salisbury City, scoring with their only two shots on target.

Jake Smeeton gave the Magpies a first-half lead and despite James White pulling a goal back immediately after Ben Watson had added a second quarter of an hour from the end, Dorchester dug in to win three invaluable points that have seen them move into midtable.

The Whites had only previously lost four games this campaign, and having stopped Dorchester's brilliant start to season in their first meeting, by beating them 4-0 at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium in early October, many expected them to complete the double given the Magpies recent poor form.

Dorchester were forced to go into the game without their midfield playmaker Ashley Nicholls who sustained a foot injury against Basingstoke everweek.

He was replaced by the ever industrious and tenacious Smeeton, whilst Nick Crittenden who was doubtful for the match following a pulled hamstring, declared himself fit to play to boost manager Phil Simkin's diminishing squad which was also missing skipper Mark Jermyn.

The surface was once again a problem and with defender's finding it difficult to turn, it made it a testing time for the keeper's with a more than usual number of back passes on a bobbly surface early on.

As a result neither side were too ambitious in the opening quarter of the match, but Crittenden was showing his value.

Despite being 34 years old and mindful of his hamstring, he continued to work the touchlines superbly, and with Sam Malsom maintaining his recent good form on the other wing, they kept the Salisbury defence on alert.

The home defence that had conceded early goals in their last three matches, looked to be back to their usual solid form and completely snuffed out the danger from the league's top scorer White.

Although Salisbury shaded possession, Dorchester's ability to close them down made it an interesting encounter, and it wasn't until midway through the first half that Dorchester forced a corner that proved fruitless.

However three minutes later they took the lead with their only shot of the first-half.

Charlie Clough, once again showing that he is more than just a powerhouse in midfield, played the most exquisite pass that bisected the White's defence to Malsom on the right.

His low ball across the face of goal found Smeeton beyond the far post whose shot from an acute angle deflected off a defender on its way in.

This stirred Salisbury and they upped their game to try and get back on level terms.

Just after the half-hour debutant Glenn Wilson too poked the ball through to Chris McPhee on the left, but his shot was too high as it flashed across the face of goal.

Keeper Jason Matthews who had been untroubled before, was then called on to make the first of several first class saves on 41 minutes that proved he was back to his early season form.

White's neat flick found Elliott Frear on the corner of the six-yard box, but Matthews was quickly down at his feet to block his effort.

The ball was re-circulated and Ryan Brett's curling 20-yard angled shot just drifted past the far post.

James Clark then headed over from a corner on the stroke of half-time.

Salisbury came out all guns blazing in the second-half, pinning Dorchester in their own half as they looked to equalise.

White broke clear down the left but there was no one to finish, before Frear, on a season's loan from Exeter City, burst down the left before firing in a fierce near post shot that Matthews beat away.

The ball ran to Brett but he could only shoot tamely at the Dorchester keeper.

Almost immediately Matthews was called on to bravely punch a cross away from among a group of players.

The ball fell to Theo Lewis 25 yards from goal who connected superbly with a vicious volley, but somehow the unsighted Matthews recovered his position to brilliantly claw away the shot as it sped through a crowd of players.

White's Robert Matthews then outmuscled Nathan Walker in a tussle for the ball near the byeline but fired his shot from a very acute angle across the face of goal.

White should have made better of Harry Bell's slip but he sliced his shot well wide, and then saw Walker block his close range effort on the line.

After being under pressure for so long, Dorchester finally broke away and perhaps should have doubled their advantage.

Neil Martin produced a magnificent tackle to stop another Frear run down near the corner flag. Quick to recover, he then raced to the halfway line before releasing Watson down the right channel.

The striker ran into the box and was just about to shoot when a brilliant sliding tackle, timed to perfection from Emmanuel Udoji stopped him.

Watson may perhaps have delayed his shot a fraction too long, but had the White's full back got it wrong it would have been a penalty and a red card.

Fortunately the former Grecian made amends four minutes later with a peach of a goal. Brett was booked for a foul on Watson wide right and 35 yards from goal.

Walker got a flick on Martin's free kick and Watson volleyed past Mark Scott with the outside of his boot from close range.

Walker got a cut above his eye for his troubles and was off the field when Salisbury pulled one back within a minute.

## gallant effort

Matthew's twice beat out close range shots in quick succession as Salisbury swarmed around his goal, and despite a gallant effort in getting his hands to the ball a third time couldn't keep out White's effort.

Dorchester dug in and nullified the Salisbury attacks until the last few minutes when they poured forward in numbers to try and retrieve something from the game.

Matthews was required to keep out another two shots whilst a fabulous block from Aaran Pugh denied sub Daniel Fitchett.

Matthews was named the man of the match, but in fairness each one of them were magnificent and showed that they still can produce the goods.

**Clough delivers as Magpies fight back**

**Dorchester Town 2 Basingstoke 2**

**FEBRUARY 5TH, BLUE SQUARE 5TH - ATT 290**

THINGS might have been different had Sam Malsom's vicious third minute drive found the net rather than the fingertips of Basingstoke keeper Ashley Bayes.

An early lead might have settled the Magpies, instead within six minutes they

were two goals down.

Both sides started at a high tempo which lasted most of the match, and Malsom after being played in by Charlie Clough couldn't have hit his angled shot much better, but the visiting skipper was equal to it, tipping the ball over the crossbar.

Basingstoke immediately replied with Manny Williams cutting the ball back for Simon Dunn but he blazed his shot well over the top.

Both sides were suffering from fragile defences; Dorchester having leaked early goals in their last two games, whilst Basingstoke had conceded first in their last nine games, and it was the Magpies that cracked on seven minutes.

An attack down the right was played along the Dorchester back row and ran to the unmarked Stuart Lake who hammered a shot high over Jason Matthews, restored in goal in place of Alan Walker-Harris, no chance from 10 yards.

Two minutes later they added a second in a similar move when Delano Sam-Yorke cut in from the right.

The ball ricocheted around as the Dorchester defence tried to clear before running to Dunn whose shot took a deflection off a defender and the under-side of the bar on its way into the net.

The Magpies were stunned and took a while to adjust and they almost conceded a third on 15 minutes when a quick break following a very poor Neil Martin corner resulted in Williams' final goalbound shot fortunately hitting Jamie Gleeson.

Slowly Dorchester got a toehold and Malsom fired straight at Bayes following Ben Watson's cut back before they pulled a goal back on 28 minutes.

Malsom cut through the centre of the visiting defence with a surging run before laying the ball off to Clough, who once again showed terrific drive and persistence that earned him the man of the match award.

He beat his man before squaring the ball back along from the byeline where Malsom, who had kept running, forced the ball over the line ahead of Ross Adams.

Lewis Morgan, feeling reaction to his recent groin strain, was replaced by Jake Smeeton on 35 minutes.

Malsom was unlucky not to equalise five minutes before the break when Ashley Nicholls played a sublime ball through the heart of the Basingstoke defence.

Malsom took the ball in his stride but Bayes was quickly out to challenge. It appeared he had the ball in his grasp but it ran loose, but Malsom couldn't quite extricate himself from the tangle before it was booted away.

Then on the stroke of half-time Bayes did well to thwart Malsom again after Clough had released the winger, beating away his curling shot despite a defender running across his line of sight at the last minute.

Both sides continued at the same tempo after the break but clear cut chances were few and far between, but eventually Dorchester go the equaliser their perseverance deserved.

Watson's run down the left saw him beat Rob Rice along the bye line before crossing the ball where Clough stooped to head firmly past Bayes from eight yards.

Rice then denied Clough another with a great header, whilst at the other end Lake shot straight at Matthews after the ball had rebounded to him.

There was a late scare for the Magpies when Matthews failed to hold Sam-Yorke's shot and the ball dropped to Dunn but he fired over the bar from

close range.

Manager Phil Simkin said: "We can't start games like that and expect to get anything out of them.

"At 2-0 down I'd have given my right arm for a draw and that was probably a fair result in the end, though I thought we might have nicked it.

"The thing that I've never doubted is that they've got plenty of fight in them and they never give up. I thought Charlie Clough was absolutely outstanding."

**Terras suffer second half bashing**

**AFC Totton 5 Weymouth 2**

**FEBRUARY 5TH, EVO-STIK PREM 5TH - ATT 329**

LEADING at the interval through two Ben Joyce strikes, Weymouth could not have expected the second half onslaught that saw hosts AFC Totton score four times and move away from them in a bid for a play-off spot.

Having secured an excellent point with a goalless draw at Gosport Borough on Saturday, manager Brendon King was hoping his charges could repeat the feat and at least maintain the one point differential between the sides before kick-off.

Things looked to be going even better as they went in at the interval with a 2-1 advantage, but the Terras failed to maintain their momentum and were swamped by four second-half goals without reply.

Both sides had chances to take the lead, the closest being Duff's shot midway through the first-half which Stags' keeper Gareth Barfoot tipped over the bar.

The game burst into life however on 37 minutes when Joyce collected Simon Evans' long free-kick 25 yards from goal before turning and beating Barfoot with a splendid shot.

Three minutes later Totton equalised when despite strong protestations from the visitors for offside, Richard Gillespie ran clear of the defence to slot past Evans.

## top corner

But Weymouth restored their lead just before the break when Joyce beat Barfoot again, this time with a superb drive into the top corner of the net.

It was the former Magpie full-back Ryan Hill who put the skids under Weymouth just after the hour when he blasted home a typical 25 yard free-kick for which he was known.

Four minutes later Totton were ahead when Luke Whitley's cross-cum-shot ended nestling in the top corner.

Matt Groves missed a great chance of levelling almost immediately when he headed Joyce's cross wide, before in a reverse role Joyce shot straight at Barfoot after being set up by Groves.

Former Terras and Magpie midfielder James Coutts sealed victory eight minutes from time before Bailey Cargill rubbed salt into the wound with a fifth just before time.

There were late opportunities for both Joyce and Groves to reduce the deficit before the end, but the defeat see the Terras slip to tenth, although very much still in with a chance of the play offs.

Assistant manager Matt Groves told **View Sport**: "We played well for 65 minutes. We were 2-1 up and having no problems and then we gave them two very soft goals which was disappointing all round for the team and of which we have spoken about.

"Then they got two in the last few minutes when the game was over, but again we should not have conceded those goals.

"It looks like we got stuffed but in fact we didn't really, and there were a lot of positives to take from the performance."

## Dorchester & District Snooker League

**RESULTS:** WDC Whipping Boys 5 Trinity Express 4, Colliton Cons 5 Colliton Hopefuls 3, Trinity Gooduns 2 West Dorset Club A 6.

**30+ breaks:** M.Halford 37, M.Woodroffe 30.

**Top Break of the Season:** Graham Bartlett (West Dorset Club A) 49.

Table (after week 12)	Pld	W	D	L	N/R	Pts
West Dorset Club C	14	9	1	4	0	67
West Dorset Club A	14	9	0	5	0	65
Trinity M	14	7	2	5	0	58
Colliton Cons	14	10	0	4	0	57
Trinity Express	16	7	1	8	0	57
Trinity Gooduns	15	5	1	9	0	52
Purbeck Potters	13	6	0	7	0	49
Colliton Hopefuls	15	6	0	9	0	49
Colliton Club B	14	7	1	6	0	47
Colliton XQ2012	14	6	0	8	0	44
WDC Whipping Boys	15	4	0	11	0	37

## Team Open Knockout Cup

**Semi-finals:** Purbeck Potters 0 Colliton Cons 4. Final: Colliton Conc v West Dorset Club C on March 18th at Trinity Club.

## Team Open Handicap Cup

Final to be played at Colliton Club on March 7th.

## Stumpy on finals before spreading the work

PORTLAND cricketer and Dorset coach Grant Neven is fast approaching a trip to Uganda to help help raise awareness to AIDS and to coach local people to play cricket.

"Stumpy" as he is known in cricket circles coaches Portland Red Triangle will travel to Uganda as part of Cricket Without Boundaries, a UK cricket development and AIDS awareness charity which is run almost entirely by the dedication and enthusiasm of its volunteers.

He has just attended a training weekend in preparation for his trip and sent this report:

"There is now less than two weeks to go until I depart with the first CWB trip of 2013 as we head out to Uganda.

"Having overcome late January's wintry weather, all 26 new volunteers showed they are more than ready for the adventure ahead during a fantastic training weekend at Finham Park School in Coventry.

Over two days the 'Class of Spring 2013', I and my new team mates, discussed our itineraries and got to grips with incorporating the vital HIV/AIDS messages into our coaching.

"The weekend started with some team bonding as everyone was introduced to their country groups knowing that by the end of the weekend new friendships will have been formed that will last a lifetime.

"The group was welcomed by new host Carl Ferguson and CWB Trustee Ed Williams, before being brought up to speed with the latest HIV/AIDS facts and figures.

"They were also told how raising awareness through cricket is a vital part of our coaching in Africa before being given a chance to put this into practice during skills-based sessions in the sports hall.

"Supported by the team of resident tutors the volunteers were split into two different groups dependent on previous experience and given the chance to come up with ways of incorporating the HIV/AIDS messages into different skills and drills.

"By the end of the weekend, all new coaches successfully passed the CWB minimum coaching standard, while the more experienced coaches learned new drills and games to help them to "expect the unexpected" when things invariably don't go to plan in Africa.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the cricket challenges on the final day which allowed each of the four teams to harness their competitive side.

"Back in the classroom all the groups were briefed about their host country and the important additional roles that need to be fulfilled including blogging and team welfare. The impressive haul of new and recycled cricket kit was also divided up in order to be donated to the host cricket associations."

Sally Harper, CWB training co-ordinator said: "I would sincerely like to thank all the volunteers for committing their time and energy to CWB and for all their tremendous fundraising efforts.

"After successfully completing the training weekend, we feel confident that they will be fantastic ambassadors for our charity and we welcome them to our cricket family."

For updates on the projects as they happen visit <http://www.cricketwithoutboundaries.com/index.php/about/cwb-blogs>

Grant added: "I personally have had great pleasure in both playing and coaching cricket for a number of years and feel that CWB will give me the opportunity to transfer some of that feel good factor into helping to spread awareness of HIV/AIDS."

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## INSIDE: Magpies recent match reports

### Simkin gets his man – Moore joins Magpies

TRURO City striker Kieffer Moore has joined Dorchester Town on an 18-month contract.

The 20-year-old who has netted 13 times for the Tinnmen this season after joining them from lower league football, put pen to paper on Monday evening after meeting with Magpies manager Phil Simkin in Torquay on Sunday.

The county boss has been on the lookout for a permanent partner for Ben Watson up front for a long time and believes that he has found the perfect foil.

"Kieffer is an exceptionally good player. He's 6'3" and a fitness instructor. He's very, very mobile, good in the air and on the deck for a big man, and knows where the goal is.

He's a big old-fashioned centre forward and you don't find many of those these days.

"He's very ambitious and will learn a lot off Watto (Watson).

He's the type of player I've been looking for all season. Ben has done terrifically well and worked away on his own most of the season, but since we put Charlie Clough up alongside him he's looked a different player and scored more goals, and so I'm hoping the partnership will come off."

**by Stuart Broom**  
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Moore was immediately drafted into the Magpies starting line-up at Bath City on Tuesday to partner Watson.

Simkin had intimated that he would also be signing another striker on loan, but has confirmed that that has been put on hold for the time being, but didn't rule it out once Moore had settled in.

Watson certainly played his part in Saturday's 2-1 victory over league leaders Salisbury City who arrived at The Avenue having only lost one in their last ten games, which had the Magpies boss driving over the whole team's performance.

"What a good side they are. The running we had to do today just to stay in the game, not win it, was phenomenal. We said at halftime that the result would be about whether we could match their fitness in the second-half.

"They are in full-time training and we knew they would still be going strong at the end which they were, but we matched them.

**magnificent**

"Whilst Jason Matthews, who is back to his early season form and quite rightly won the Man-of-the match award, there could have been 12 man winners this afternoon. They were magnificent.

"Against a side like that if you don't all perform you are dead."

Talking about his team selection and formation he admitted: "We were down to the bare bones.

"I decided to go 4-4-2 to match them and we put Jake Smeeton in Ashley Nicholls place because he is a battler. He's a winner; he'll put his foot or his head in whatever, and he and Jamie

Gleeson, who is back to his best after his illness, dogged their way all afternoon.

"Of course without Ash it was very difficult to get hold of the ball and get any possession for any length of time, so we decided just to win it in midfield and get it in behind them.

"On the day it worked but it's not a way I like to play but it was horses for courses and winning the game any way we can.

"You couldn't turn on that pitch. The pitch was awful, but we are learning to use it to our advantage, but sheer effort and a couple of bits of really good application won that game for us."

Simkin continued to praise each and every one of his players, including Nathan Walker and Aaran Pugh who had come in for some criticism for not communicating well in the draw with Basingstoke earlier in the week.

"Today they were magnificent. Some of their tackling and blocks were first class. I'm not sure that at times people appreciate these lads."



■ **BACK TO THEIR BEST:** Dorchester Town show their battling qualities. Jamie Gleeson holds off a Salisbury player watched by Ben Watson (9), Charlie Clough (10) and Neil Martin (3)

Photo by STUART BROOM

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